

How are e-cigarettes and vaping devices regulated in Concord?

Concord Board of Health regulations prohibit the sale of tobacco products and nicotine delivery products (vaping devices and e-liquids) to persons under age 21. The sale of flavored tobacco and nicotine products are also prohibited. Vaping is prohibited in all enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited by M.G.L. Ch. 270 Section 22 the Smokefree Workplace Law or the Concord Smokefree Workplace Bylaw.

It is important to recognize that the Board of Health prohibition on the sale of flavored tobacco and nicotine delivery products does not apply to Retail Tobacco Stores which are defined in the regulation as stores whose primary purpose is to sell tobacco products and tobacco paraphernalia, where the sale of other products is merely incidental, and in which the entry of persons under the age of 21 is prohibited at all times. So called "Vape Shops" could be considered Retail Tobacco Stores (if the products sold contain nicotine) and as such would be allowed to sell flavored tobacco and nicotine products to persons over age 21. No stores of this type are currently licensed in Concord.

Concord Public Schools policies prohibit the use of tobacco and nicotine products and the possession of vaping devices on school property.

Note that vaping devices and e-liquids can be readily purchased by youth from on-line retail sites. Buyers must only click a box to state they are over 18 when purchasing products on these sites; no further verification of age is required for the sale to be completed.

Do You Know?

E-cigarette use among youth and young adults is strongly linked to the use of other tobacco products, such as regular cigarettes, cigars, hookah, and smokeless tobacco.

Some evidence suggests that e-cigarette use is linked to alcohol use and other substance use, such as marijuana. And certain e-cigarette products can be used to deliver other drugs like marijuana. (U.S. Surgeon General, 2016)

For more information

Information for parents:

<https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/>

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/sgr/e-cigarettes/index.htm

<https://drugfree.org/article/risk-factors-why-teens-use/>

Information geared toward teens:

<https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/e-cigarettes.html#cattobacco>

<http://concordcarlisle.getsh101.com/5-things-you-didnt-know-about-vaping>



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Teen Use of E-cigarettes and Vaping Devices is an Emerging Concern

Towns across Massachusetts have seen a recent increase in teen use of e-cigarettes and other devices used for "vaping". E-cigarettes have become very popular with young people and their use has grown dramatically in the last five years. Today, more high school students use e-cigarettes than regular cigarettes. The use of e-cigarettes is higher among high school students than adults.

Current[†] Use of Tobacco Products by Massachusetts High School Youth, 2015



